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WORLD'S CONGRESS OF THE DEAF

A Profitable and Progressive Gathering--Place of Next Gathering Left to Executive Committee

Officers were elected as follows:

President Olof Hanson.

1st Vice-Pres. Anton Schroeder.

2nd Vice-Pres. Mrs. J. S. Long.

3rd Vice-Pres. Mrs. F. B. Carpenter

4th Vice-Pres. Owen G. Carroll.

Secretary Oscar Regensburg.

Treasurer S. A. Freeman.

Church service was held Sunday a. m. at Y. M. C. A., conducted by Rev. Mr. Michaels of Arkansas. In the afternoon Rev. Koehler held service at Grace Episcopal church, assisted by Revs. Cloud, Flick and Allabaugh. The latter delivering the sermon.

At the M. E. church at 3 p. m. Rev. Hasenstab preached to a large audience. He was assisted by Rev. Michael and by Miss Sheridan of Illinois. Rev. D. E. Moylan of Baltimore signed the "Rock of Ages" and Mrs. Frieda Carpenter of Chicago gave "Just As I Am."

Sunday evening Dr. F. T. Fox of New York City gave, in the sign language, the drama "Richelieu." About 200 were present. Dr. Fox was at his best and held the close attention of those present.

Convention opened Monday morning at 10:30 in the auditorium of the Colorado State School. President Veditz in the chair. He remarked it was one of the proudest moments of his life and paid a high tribute to those present.

Secretary Ritter was unable to be present and Oscar Regensburg was selected to fill that position during the session.

Rev. J. W. Michaels of Little Rock opened with prayer.

Superintendent Argo of the State School for Deaf acted as interpreter for those who could hear.

Mrs. Olof Hanson signed America in a pleasing manner. Prof. A. L. Bohrer presided at the organ.

Addresses of welcome were delivered as follows:



GEORGE WILLIAM VEDITZ

The man who presided.

For the city, by Mayor Henry F. Avery.

For the school, by Hon. J. F. Humphrey, president of board of directors.

For the state, in behalf of the deaf, Mrs. G. W. Veditz.

Gov. J. F. Shafforth was unable to be present and deliver his welcome to the state and it was read by Miss Griffin of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Li Yung Yew, Imperial Chinese Consul General, from San Francisco, through his interpreter, Mr. K. Owyang, delivered a speech that brought forth much applause. The Chinese gentlemen were given a royal welcome.

A letter of regret was read from Dr. E. M. Gallaudet. On motion a cablegram was ordered sent him, the Messrs. Drake, Allabaugh and Fox being selected to prepare the same.

Prof. Percival Hall, the new head of Gallaudet College, was introduced amid applause and gave a rousing address.

Greeting from T. F. Edison and Helen Keller were read.

President Veditz then read his ad-

dress, which we are sorry to say, we have not space for at present.

Warren Robinson resigned his position as director of the industrial bureau.

A. L. Pach responded to the addresses of welcome in his usual pleasant manner.

Rev. Mr. Hasenstab moved a change in that Friday's program take the place of Wednesday's.

Mr. Wright moved to adjourn, which was carried.

Monday afternoon was given up to Gallaudet alumnus reunion.

Officers were elected as follows: President, J. C. Howard of Minnesota; first vice president, O. G. Carroll, Texas; second vice president, Miss Delong of Utah; secretary, Mr. Stewart of Washington, D. C.; treasurer, J. S. Long of Iowa.

Tuesday was given up to all day outing. A few did Pike's Peak, others the Cave of Winds, Garden of Gods, etc. All were satisfied with the wonders of the region.

The evening was given up to a moving picture exhibit and an address by

Oscar H. Regensberg.

Wednesday morning opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Hasenstab.

Miss M. Williamson of Michigan, who was to sign the Marseilles, was absent.

Miss Hamilton in behalf of the deaf of Michigan, presented President Veditz with a gavel made from the wood of the old battleship Ironsides. The gavel was made by a pupil in the Michigan school.

Telegrams of greeting were read from Pas-a-Pas Club of Chicago and from Mrs. G. E. M. Nelson of Buffalo, N. Y.

Supt. Dobyns of the Mississippi school delivered an interesting address and extended greeting from the management and pupils of the school of that state. A vote of thanks was extended to the gentleman.

Rev. Mr. Hasenstab's motion of Monday was brought up and seconded by Rev. Mr. Koehler.

Mr. Greener of Ohio opposed motion.

Mr. Howard of Minnesota moved an amendment to throw out the program on technicalities. He was declared out of order.

Dr. Fox, Rev. Hasenstab, President Veditz, Mr. Spear and others joined in discussion. Mr. Hasenstab's motion was finally lost.

Dr. Fox gave a lengthy paper in favor of the oral system.

Adjourned at 12:10. Resumed at 2:30 p. m.

Messrs. McGregor and Hanson gave papers on Oralism.

Mr. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., delivered his paper on "The Deaf Man in Business."

In the evening a ball was given at Stratton Park pavilion.

Thursday was another all day outing that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The region is not wanting in interesting spots.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Alamo Hotel at \$1.75 per plate.

Toastmaster, G. W. Veditz; The N. A. D., Dr. T. F. Fox; The Wild and Woolly West, R. P. McGregor; Our Foreign Guests, Li Yung Yew; The Gallaudets, S. M. Freeman; Our Publications, E. A. Hodgson; The Ladies, Harry G. Long; Our Future, Olof Hanson.

Friday morning Rev. Flick of Chicago opened with prayer. On motion that part of Wednesday afternoon program which was left over was indefinitely postponed.

F. P. Gibson of Chicago spoke of the benefit of the N. E. S. D.

Mr. d'Estella of California spoke in the interest of the Order of Americans.

Messrs. Veditz, Gibson, Hunt, Cloud joined in the discussion.

Treasurer Long reported 337 enrolled

President Veditz showed a picture of the first national convention, with 124 members, but five of whom were now here, viz: Messrs. Fox, Hodgson, Michaels, Freeman and Greener.

On motion of Mr. Spear all charter members who have kept up their dues were made life members. This includes Messrs. Fox, Hodgson, Freeman and Rev. Mann.

Treasurer presented his report and Messrs. Schroeder, Axling and Harry Long were made an auditing committee.

On the industrial exhibit Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Mount, Mr. Pach and Mr. Freeman were made the judges. We shall try to give the result later.

Friday p. m. opened with prayer by Rev. Michaels.

Mrs. E. F. Winemiller of Colorado Springs signed "My Maryland."

Mr. Axling gave the report of the industrial exhibit in absence of Warren Robinson.

Most of the afternoon was taken up with committee reports.

Supt. Dobyns of Mississippi suggested that delegates be selected to represent the N. A. D. at the national convention of deaf instructors to be held at Delevan, Wis., next year.

After discussion it was decided to send three delegates, not more than one of whom should be a teacher.

At 5:15 adjournment was taken till 8 p. m.

Friday evening, President Veditz presented the report of the federation committee. Messrs. Spear, Meagher, Fox, Long, Michaels, McGregor, Hanson, Hasenstab, Winemiller joined in discussion. J. S. Long presented a minority report. The report presented by President Veditz was finally adopted by a vote of 79 to 66.

A wrestling match then took place between Baxter Moosey of Wyoming and James F. Meagher of Kentucky. The men were quite evenly matched, but Mr. Moosey had the advantage in size, and after a spirited contest won two falls and Meagher one.

Saturday morning. Invocation by Rev. Father Moeller of Chicago.

Mrs. Olof Hanson signed the "Star Spangled Banner."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Anton Schroeder presented name of Olof Hanson of Seattle, seconded by Dr. Fox of New York.

A. R. Spear nominated P. L. Axling, seconded by Mr. Brant of Minnesota.

J. C. Howard presented name of J. Schuyler Long of Iowa, seconded by Mr. Poshusta of Iowa.

Mr. Axling withdrew in favor of J. S. Long.

Messrs. Schroeder, Gibson, Spear, Michaels and Tillinghast were selected as tellers.

Vote stood:

Mr. Hanson 136; Mr. Long, 126.

On motion of Mr. Howard the vote was made unanimous.

Mr. Hanson took the chair as president.

For first vice president, Messrs. Schroeder, Pach and Flick were nominated. Mr. Schroeder won easily.

For second vice president, Mrs. J. S. Long of Iowa and Mrs. Heyman of New York were nominated, Mrs. Long winning by 8 votes.

Mr. Loucks of South Dakota and Mrs. Carpenter of Chicago entered for third vice president and the latter won.

Owen G. Carroll of Texas was given the fourth vice presidency without opposition.

Mr. Hunt moved to adjourn, but this was lost.

Rev. Mr. Cloud nominated Mr. Regensberg for secretary, seconded by Mr. Roberts; there being no opposition he was declared the choice of the convention.

Mr. S. A. Freeman of Atlanta, Ga., was chosen for treasurer without opposition.

Adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The last afternoon session of the convention on Saturday was taken up with the reading of resolutions by the committee on resolutions, which, with a few minor alterations, were adopted as a whole.

Chief among them were resolutions urging an earnest campaign to preserve the sign language and condemning any course which would interfere with or restrict the use of signs.

The association again placed itself on record as favoring the combined system of teaching the deaf with the use of the oral system, where it would be of practical benefit to those who could make rapid advancement under its methods.

The course of philanthropically inclined gentlemen in giving lavishly of their wealth to aid certain pet theories of educating the deaf without consulting those who would be most directly affected, was condemned, as the effort to put such theories in practice often resulted detrimentally to those on whom the experiment was made.

Resolutions were passed asking that severe penalties be made by law-making bodies for those persons who sought to solicit alms from charitably inclined people under the guise of being deaf mutes, commonly known as impostors.

Resolutions dealing with peddling were turned down.

The thanks of the association was given to all those who had in various ways, either by their presence or by their work, shown interest in the convention and helped to make it a success.

Resolutions were passed favoring a

standing civil service committee to look after the interests of the deaf in all such matters.

That the association has visions of wealth in the future was shown by the approval of a commission to direct the investment of the \$10,000 endowment fund—when it gets to that stage. The resolutions created a ripple of merriment, but were approved.

Mr. Greener of Ohio moved that the New York Journal be made the official organ.

J. F. Meagher objected. Mr. Hodgson spoke on the matter and after some discussion the Journal was adopted as official organ. None of the independent papers caring for the honor.

Report of committee on awards of industrial exhibit.

That part of Mr. Hanson's amendment to the constitution which reads as follows was adopted:

That all of Article VII be struck out and the following substituted:

Article VII. Voting by Proxy and by Mail.

Section 1. Persons not present at a convention may vote by proxy in the election of officers, and on any other question that may be decided by a majority of the members present at the convention.

Sec. 2. In voting proxies, no one person shall cast more than two hundred votes.

Sec. 3. Voting by mail may be authorized by the Executive Committee on any subject not inconsistent with action taken in convention. Action taken in convention shall take precedence of action taken by mail.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee is authorized and instructed to make such rules as may be deemed suitable for carrying into effect the provisions of this article.

Mr. Rotherts invited next convention to Omaha. Rev. Michaels spoke for Atlanta. Mr. Loucks for Aberdeen, S. D. Rev. Cloud wanted it at St. Louis.

The selection of place of next session was left to the discretion of the executive committee.

Adjournment.

A reception with dancing was held at the Alamo Hotel Saturday evening.

Many left for home Saturday night and Sunday, others tarried longer.

Service was held Sunday by Rev. Mr. Hasenstab, Rev. Koehler and others.

Saturday night several climbed to Pike's Peak to see the sun rise in the morning. At least they started. We are not posted as to how many arrived at the peak.

NOT WHAT SHE MEANT.

"That's a ripping gown you have on," said her English friend.

"You don't say!" cried the wearer, turning pale. "I'll make the dressmaker take it back tomorrow!"

THE DEAF IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL LIFE

A lady who has spent the greater part of her life in work for the deaf sends us the following. We are glad to print it, believing it contains many valuable suggestions:

W. S. Root, Editor Observer:

I have been looking over the program of the N. A. D., and find it splendid. I wish I could have attended. The title of one address caught my eye, viz: The Deaf Man in the Business World—How Best to Overcome Prejudice, etc. I wish that subject could have been put on a higher basis, "How Can the Deaf Make Themselves Indispensable to Their Employers, Their Town, State, Country, Home?" would have sounded better. In view of what hearing people do for the deaf, prejudice seems a cold, ungrateful, narrow—almost bitter—word. Deafness is a handicap in the business world and in life. All honor to the man or woman who turns it into an asset! and this can be done, and is done over and over again.

Now, the deaf must take the initiative and with pencil and pad approach hearing people. I find that often deaf people do not keep themselves supplied with these very necessary articles, and seem to expect the hearing to make the advance. This is in the hands of the deaf, and teachers should train them in the art of conversation with hearing people.

Out of school the deaf person must make the advance and not be discouraged if he meets with small success in many cases. In the business world it requires time to get and give information in writing. This has got to be reckoned with, and the deaf must make themselves so expert in their work, that they will be indispensable to the firm; then, they must hold themselves firmly in hand, for the truth is that many deaf workers yield to impatience, to suspicion and jealousies.

These remarks apply only to the average deaf person and those below the average and, alas! these are the ones we meet oftenest and who spoil things for the others. Now the reluctance on the part of people to employ deaf people is not prejudice, but a feeling of helpfulness which results from the lack of information in regard to the deaf. More thought should be given to this in the schools and the public enlightened by entertainments, exhibitions, etc., which are often omitted because they require so much time to prepare and so cut down the precious hours in the school-room.

One thing which the N. A. D. should do is to memorialize state legislatures and school boards to the effect that only well trained teachers should be

put in charge of the younger classes, especially the beginning classes in our schools. Efforts are being made along this line, but add the weight of the judgment of your association to it.

One thought that should be advanced, is that the deaf choose, wherever possible, employment that will make them not dependent on hearing employers. Deaf people of means might start factories where only deaf workmen should be employed. This would make a place where those who can't get on in the hearing world of work, and would reflect great honor on some deaf persons of means who have the ability to do it.

The deaf are not understood in the hearing world. I have suggested that schools give more information; now the deaf must do the rest. Did it ever occur to you that splendid talent is going to waste among deaf signmakers as pantomimists? A pantomime company could make good money in giving entertainments. Conventional signs would have to be largely cut out, as the average public would lose the point, and the acting held closely to pure pantomime. I believe here is a field for some of our artists among you. The deaf of Kalamazoo have recently done something in this line.

Isolated deaf persons living in hearing communities must study to make themselves indispensable by uniform courtesy, patience, helpfulness, cheerfulness and skillfulness.

Oh, it is not prejudice that makes hearing people unwilling to employ deaf people. It is not understanding them, and often lack of preparedness on the part of the applicant. It is required of the deaf person to be better prepared, to be more patient, more industrious, more Christ-like than others. Make that the slogan of your paper. No man yields a more powerful influence than the successful editor of a paper. He makes public sentiment. "The people is king and the way to the monarch's heart is through the newspaper." But you will need to be very wise in presenting these thoughts.

Just one thought about the much mooted question of oralism. Keep before the people the need of oralism for those who have hearing children. It need not be "pure" oralism; but one hour in a deaf man's home made me stronger than ever in its favor and it is the right of those who can learn to speak, to be taught. The N. A. D. should throw its influence here in the direction of having the best trained teachers for this work in every department.

You cannot know how much I want to help every deaf person, and I feel that you are one of the high, broad minded ones who can be a leader.

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The 1910 convention is past.

The Observer prophesied pretty well on results at Colorado Springs.

All correspondents should sign their names as a guarantee of good faith.

Rev. J. H. Cloud did a gracious thing when he nominated his rival, Mr. Regensburg, for secretary.

Willard Brittle acted as guide in many of the sightseeing trips and won the lasting gratitude of the appreciative deaf.

Were you satisfied with the expenses? The northwest crowd kept their expense account well within calculations, and they saw the sights, too.

NORTHWEST SOLID.

The Northwest vote was cast solid for Mr. Hanson, except Mr. Axling's own vote. Nuff sed.

RATHER LATE.

This issue of The Observer is late, owing to our absence from town. The next issue will be on time. Send in your subscription today.

MERITED RECOGNITION.

Saturday morning Dr. Fox, in behalf of the members of the convention, presented President G. W. Veditz with a purse containing \$100. It was the request of the members that he buy a typewriter.

Mr. Veditz was completely taken by surprise, but was none the less pleased and responded happily.

Mrs. G. E. M. Nelson sent Mr. and Mrs. Veditz a pretty fern bowl, which was presented by Dr. Fox at a dinner given to a few friends by the president and wife.



HANSON'S VICTORY.

Mr. Hanson's majority, though not as large as was expected, is very creditable, conditions being considered.

Mr. Axling withdrew at a critical moment, as we expected he would, and threw his strength to Mr. Long. The latter being a resident of Iowa, a section that was largely represented on account of its nearness, had the advantage. The combine, however, was unable to overcome Mr. Hanson's strength from other sections.

Our rooster feels good.

THE CHINESE GENTLEMEN.

The Chinese consuls who were present at the convention are making investigation for their home government. The following we take from the Denver Post:

"The consul general and his party began their trip with the especial purpose of attending the deaf and dumb convention at Colorado Springs. They paid the closest attention to the proceedings of the convention, absorbing the best of what they heard concerning the most up-to-date methods of educating people bereft of hearing and speech.

Mr. Owyang, vice consul at San Francisco, intimated that his chief would doubtless send to his government a report based on his observations at Colorado Springs, with the idea in view that the best of American methods would be adopted in China.

The Chinese party began an extraordinary day of visiting and sightseeing with a quick run in automobiles to the state capitol, where they were formally presented to Governor Shafroth and other state officials."

"BOIL IT DOWN."

The Observer's motto is, "Boil It Down."

We think one of the worst defects in the late convention was the too long papers. We admit they were well written, well delivered, and teemed with masterly argument—but they were too long.

Firstly, it's a masterly mind that can hold attention in a long article.

Secondly, shorter addresses would have given more time to discussion of other matters of importance which were crowded out.

"Boil it down"—make it a live wire from beginning to end.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

In the new president of the National Association of the Deaf we feel the members have a man who will be fair to all.

For cool, calm judgment there are few, if any, among the deaf who excel him.

Give him your assistance. Try to promote a harmonious advance of the cause of the deaf.

A man high up in the N. A. D. says there should be 2,000 at the next convention. Why not? Harmonious work may produce such result.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

The Colorado Springs convention was an inspiring gathering, and no one could see and mingle with such a large number of America's brightest and most progressive deaf without feeling that we have every reason to feel proud of the results attained in our education.

Not all got what they wanted, but the convention closed with general harmony and good feeling. It also opened the way for a greater N. A. D. by adopting the voting by mail and proxy features generally desired. This will give those who can not attend conventions a voice in the affairs of the association, and it is to be hoped that many will join between now and the next convention.

The New York Journal was elected official organ and will be the forum for general discussion of association affairs. Other independent papers, however, will also have a share of association news, and through these means, as well as discussion in local societies, we hope that the N. A. D. will grow in strength and influence, and become a power for advancing and maintaining the interests of the deaf.

OLOF HANSON.

APPRECIATIVE THANKS.

Mrs. A. T. Mills in speaking of The Observer's collection for the Chefoo school, says:

"It is perfectly splendid and I can hardly express my great appreciation. Please pass on my word of thanks to all who have helped."

President Hanson is reported over-run with telegrams of congratulations.

Ernest Rowland and his brother were injured in a railroad accident recently, but are improving.

Report says one of the Northwest party actually captured a man. We are going to help the readers keep the secret.

Ernest Swangren, of North Yakima, is now stopping in Seattle for a spell, and will probably stay here during the winter.

Washington State School for the Deaf opens October 1st. Some building alterations necessitated a delay beyond the usual term.

Mrs. Olof Hanson and children are now visiting her parents in Pittsburg, Pa. They will return to Seattle the latter part of September.

Orla Little does not like national conventions because he had to loaf around Seattle instead of working, while the Observer proprietor was at Colorado Springs.

Edmund Langdon and Rudy Stuht are enjoying a trip to Spokane. Mr. Stuht has ten acres of orchard land at Arcadia and he will take a look at it while in the eastern part of the state.

Miss Edith Harlan, Montana's representative, who joined the Northwest party at Missoula, was a stranger to all, but she quickly made friends and left a very favorable impression on all. She is certainly a credit to the Montana school.

WRECK OF HOPES AND TRAINS.

Those who left Colorado Springs on Monday a. m. over the Denver, Rio Grande for Salt Lake and Ogden experienced wrecked hopes in making connections and also saw a genuine railroad derailment.

The train which left the Springs at 10:40 was halted at Green River, Utah, at 5:30 a. m. Tuesday. It soon became known that there was a wreck ahead. It was nearly 4 p. m. before they could proceed.

Green River is a five year old town with more sand than green. The thermometer was up in the nineties. Being shut up in such a place for ten hours was anything but inviting. Three other trains were stopped behind the first, nearly all of which contained some deaf persons.

There were no deaf on the wrecked train, we believe. A passenger train bound east ran into a freight.

Every cloud has a silver lining. There is some satisfaction in knowing we were not in the wrecked trains.

SEPTEMBER 4TH.

The next meeting of the Puget Sound Association for the Deaf will be held September 4th at the usual place, Chamber of Commerce hall, Central Building.

NORTHWEST DELEGATION.

The train left Seattle Wednesday, August 3, at 4 p. m. On board were Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson and children, L. O. Christensen, A. W. Wright, W. S. Root, Mrs. Anna Bronson, of Seattle; Mable Scanlan of Everett, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reichle and Miss Bond, of Portland, and Messrs. Erd and Phelps of Illinois and Missouri, respectively.

Earl Weaver came on the train at Ellensburg for a short chat, but business would not allow him to go on.

Ernest Swangren joined the party at Yakima. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stewart and Mrs. Turner were at the depot to see us go by.

Arrived at Spokane at 10:30 a. m., where Miss Jessie Livingston joined the party. Ross Slightam and rs. Reeves were present, but could not accompany the party.

Miss Edith Harlan joined the party at Missoula, Mont., Thursday afternoon.

En route we passed the scene of the historical Custer battlefield.

Thursday evening a mock trial took place. Mr. Root was arrested for slander and brought before Justice Hanson. A. W. Wright acted as attorney for the defense and should have liberated the prisoner, who was, however, fined \$5,000.

The debate on the merits of the horse and mule was held Friday night. Messrs Phelps and Root upheld the mule, while Messrs. Wright and Christensen spoke for the horse. The participants were given a vote of thanks but no one seemed inclined to force a decision.

Arrived in Denver at 8:25, where we, with others, were given an auto ride about the city, and in the afternoon a general reception was held at the Albany hotel.

Reached Colorado Springs at 8:30 p. m., and the complete Northwest party secured rooms in the same house.

\$170.35 FROM WASHINGTON.

Last minute remittances from Mrs. Marie Bodley of Chehalis and Miss Ethel Carr, Bellingham, raised the fund to \$170.35, which was the amount Treasurer Wright reported he had collected in Washington for the moving picture fund of the N. A. D. According to Treasurer Regensburg, at Colorado Springs, the grand total is now close to \$5,000, and although the convention has passed into history, he intends to keep up the campaign for funds, as any further sum will likely be turned into the endowment fund of the N. A. D. At Colorado Springs there were several whose individual collections had exceeded \$200.

Treasurer Wright will continue to



receive any remittances from this states if there are any such to be sent in.

SEATTLEWARD.

Quite a number of deaf of prominence have their eyes on Seattle as a future place of abode. If they once get established in our town there is no danger but they will want to stay.

In a few years we expect to have the "cream of the nation" all located here in our beautiful, scenic city.

VALID REASON.

We have just discovered why a certain young lady failed to join the northwest crowd bound for Colorado. There is some consolation though in knowing that another of the best east end ladies will soon be a resident of the Puget Sound region.

OUR SECRETARY'S PRESENT.

While at the Convention Secretary Regensburg received notice that his good wife had presented him with a daughter. Oscar was not dismayed by the news, but it was noticed he left for home early.

READ IT.

We hope all our readers will carefully read the article in this issue headed "The Deaf in the Business and Social World." It contains much matter for thought.

WHAT A HOME PAPER SAYS.

Seattle Architect Honored at World-Wide Gathering in Colorado Springs.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. Aug. 13.—Olof Hanson, of Seattle, Wash. was elected president of the World's Congress of the Deaf at its session here today.

Olof Hanson is very well known in this city. He resides at 4545 Brooklyn avenue and is an architect. He was formerly connected with the firm of Schack & Huntington, architects, but when Daniel R. Huntington and James H. Schack dissolved partnership recently, Mr. Hanson associated himself with Mr. Schack, with whom he is now engaged.

Among the deaf he is highly regarded. The news of his election was received with great satisfaction among the deaf in this city last night.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Mr. Hanson is not in partnership at present, but in business for himself.

A LETTER FROM MISS CARTER

School for the Deaf,
Chefoo, China, July 7, 1910.
W. S. Root, Esq., Seattle, Wash.:

Your letter containing orders to the amount of \$88.06 reached me in the last mail and I enclose a receipt for the same.

It is difficult for me to tell you how much we appreciate your kindness in collecting this generous amount through The Observer, and we can only hope that each contributor who reads this letter will consider it a personal message of thanks and pass it on to others.

It is especially pleasant to note that we have found new friends and that the old friends are faithful.

The past year since Mrs. Mills has been in America has been a very busy one for me and for my native assistant, Mrs. Sen, who has done all she could to relieve me from the care of the deaf girls in order that I might have more time to superintend all branches of the work and teach in the class rooms where necessary. After study hours she has taken the girls for a walk and so left me free to answer letters and acknowledge the gifts that have come directly to the school.

Several months ago the blind-deaf girl Fang Ying reached the stage where it was not possible for Mrs. Sen to continue teaching her, because she is herself a beginner in the study of English and could not give the child the necessary language as the occasion required without consulting me and so opportunities would be lost.

About that time Mrs. Wang, the first Chinese woman taught to teach the deaf, resigned because she found it too hard work, and that made it necessary for Mrs. Sen to take charge of the class room and do all the teaching of the Chinese characters. This arrangement turned Feng Ying over to me, without making Mrs. Sen "lose face," which means so much to the Chinese.

During these months Feng Ying has developed rapidly, though she rarely ever takes the initiative in her lessons, and it is often difficult to find things that interest her. She is fond of animals and spends hours playing with the cat and a fox terrier that we keep in the school.

One day I told her the dog was crying to come in the house and she spelled "Dog cry, want to eat food." Another day a neighbor came in with a big dog which brushed against Feng Ying. With a cry of fright she ran to me. I spelled into her hand "A big dog," "a good dog." She was much excited and reaching for my hand spelled into it, "Big mouth bite." It is only on these rare occasions that she

puts her thoughts into words.

The Chinese are much interested in all the deaf children and especially in this blind deaf girl. It is quite common for them to come in small parties with someone who has been here before and they always ask to see this little afflicted girl first. One day forty-four native teachers and helpers in the Baptist Mission who had gathered from the surrounding villages to attend a conference in Chefoo, came to see the school. One of these men told me he had heard that the deaf could learn to read and that a blind and deaf child had learned to do many things, but he did not believe it, and he feared that many of his people would not believe it either until they could see for themselves. A few weeks later the missionary in charge of one of their stations wrote saying these men had been much affected by what they saw and said they had never before witnessed such a proof of the "truth of the Bible and the existence of a soul." He enclosed their gift and assured me it would not be their last one.

A week later we received a visit by invitation for his excellency the governor of Shantung, who had come to Chefoo for three days on important business and who had to decline an invitation to visit the naval academy in order to visit this school. He was accompanied by several other officials, two secretaries, a body guard of soldiers and a retinue of servants numbering nearly a hundred persons. I invited several gentlemen, among them our American consul, to meet the governor and the enclosed photo was taken upon leaving the boys' school.

These officials were much interested in all they saw and wondered at and pitied the blind deaf girl, saying many flattering things about the patience of her teacher.

When his excellency left he expressed a wish to do all in his power to establish similar schools in other parts of China and asked how many pupils we could take to the Nanking exposition. Later on he sent a gift of two hundred Mexican dollars.

Since then permission has been granted by the officials in charge of this first national exposition to be

held in China for us to exhibit and show the work that can be done by this despised class of people, who are usually forced to be beggars and outcasts by their own people. Our expenses are to be paid by the officials and gentry in Chefoo, and we are looking forward to our visit with the hope that it will accomplish much for China's deaf children in some way, by proving that they can be taught if schools are provided for them.

Again I wish to thank you for your aid and sympathy in the work which Mrs. Mills has begun and in which I am sure you will agree with me it is a pleasure to have a part.

Yours sincerely,

ANITA E. CARTER.

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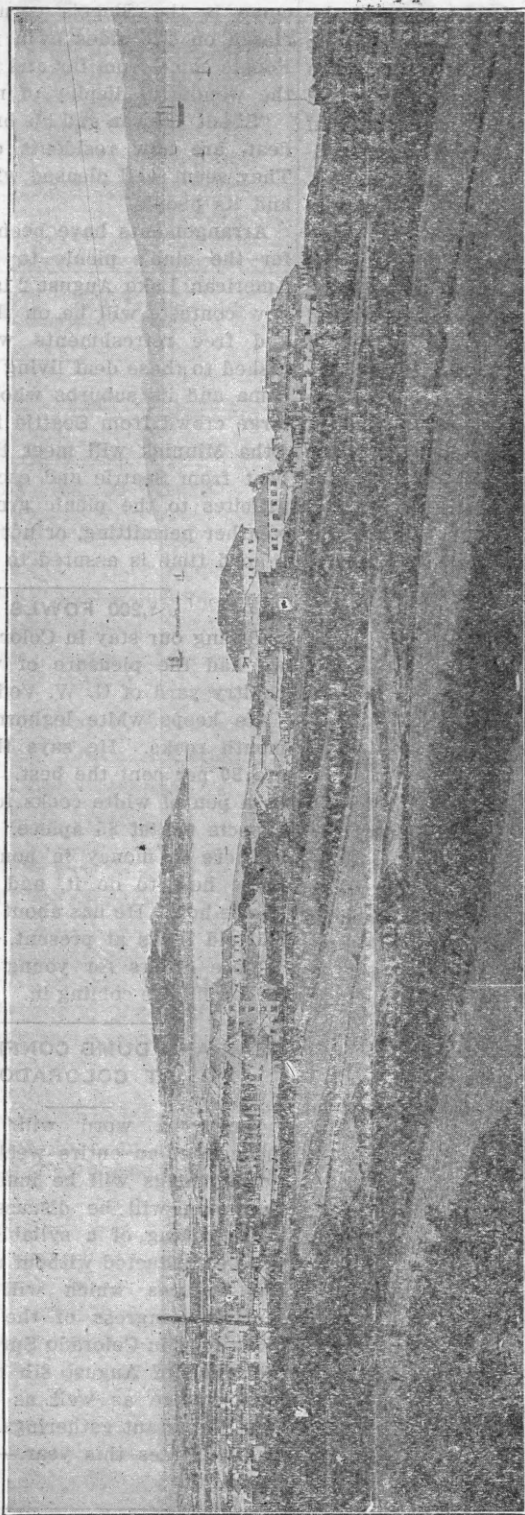
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View of Chifu, Showing Chinese School for the Deaf.

1. Boys' School.
2. Girls' School.

CHIFU, CHINA.

The above is a picture of Chefoo or Chifu, as it should be spelled, taken from the hills looking across the town to the bay which is an arm of the Gulf of Pechili which opens into the Yellow Sea.

Chifu, which was made one of the "open ports" in 1878 by the signing of the treaty with Li Hong Chang, is nearly opposite to Port Arthur and is the port of call of steamers from Shanghai to Tientsin. Thirty years ago it was a small fishing village, now it is a thriving city of, perhaps, eighty thousand.

Its chief exports are pongee silk,

Chifu lace in torchon, Cluny and Maltese patterns, straw braid, bean cake and bean vermicelli.

Besides native Chinese banks there is the Russo-Chinese Bank and the Yokohama Specie Bank. The Standard Oil Company, represented by Mr. V. G. Lyman, has made the station the base of supply for North China, has built large go-downs, or store houses, on the bluff across the bay. The various steamship companies, British, German, Japanese and Chinese have agencies here and several commission merchants have made it their headquarters. Sometimes the Pacific squadron of the U. S. Navy summers here. There are quite a

number of 'silk filatures' here and a Chinese Wine Company has covered many of the slopes of the hills with vines and built large wine cellars.

The Tao tai, or mayor, has a school here and it is the seat of Rear-Admiral Sah's Naval Academy which has over one hundred students.

The interests of various nationalities are cared for by seven consuls, the United States being ably represented by Hon. John Fowler.

The missions working here are the Northern Presbyterian, the Southern Baptist, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (Church of England) and the China Inland Mission. The four large buildings in the foreground are the Preparatory School, the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Sanitarium for missionaries and their children, all belonging to the China Inland Mission, the founder of which chose this spot for its beautiful location and fine climate.

Our interest centers around the School for Chinese Deaf Children, the buildings of which are marked in our picture 1 and 2.—Rochester, N. Y., Advocate.

THE PRICE OF A DRINK.

JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

"Five cents a glass!" Does any one think

That that is really the price of a drink?

"Five cents a glass," I hear you say,

"Why, that isn't very much to pay."

Ah, no, indeed; 'tis a very small sum.

You are passing over 'twixt finger and

thumb;

And if that were all that you gave away,

It wouldn't be very much to pay.

The price of a drink? Let him decide

Who has lost his courage and lost his

pride,

And lies a groveling heap of clay,

Not far removed from a beast, to-day.

The price of a drink? Let that one tell

Who sleeps tonight in a murderer's cell,

And feels within him the fires of hell.

Honor and virtue, love and truth;

All the glory and pride of youth;

Hopes of manhood, and wreath of fame,

High endeavor and noble aim—

These are the treasures thrown away

As the price of a drink, from day to day.

"Five cents a glass!" How Satan

laughed.

As over the bar the young man quaffed

The beaded liquor; for the demon knew

The terrible work that drink would do;

And ere the morning the victim lay

With his life-blood swiftly ebbing away;

And that was the price he paid, alas!

For the pleasure of taking a social glass.

The price of a drink! If you want to

know

What some are willing to pay for it, go

Through that wretched tenement over

there,

With dingy windows and broken stair,

Where foul disease, like a vampire,

crawls,

With outstretched wings o'er the moldy

walls.

There poverty dwells with her hungry

brood.

Wild-eyed as demons for lack of food;

There shame, in a corner, crouches low;

There violence deals its cruel blow;

And innocent ones are thus accursed

To pay the price of another's thirst.

"Five cents a glass." Oh, if that were

all,

The sacrifice would, indeed be small,

But the money's worth is the least

amount

We pay; and whoever will keep account

Will learn the terrible waste and blight

That follows the ruinous appetite.

"Five cents a glass!" Does any one

think

That that is really the price of a drink?

IT'S OVER.

By the time this is in print the World's Congress of the Deaf will be an event of the past.

Quiet supreme will reign at Colorado Springs and I venture to forecast one more fact that will be enacted around the spot where one of the greatest and most brilliant events of American deaf history took place—that ex-President Veditz will be found lounging lazily around with a happy smile imprinted upon his placid features. A smile that bespeaks much—a smile that no words can justly define its meaning. The name and work thus so nobly started by him will forever remain green in the memory of the American deaf. It will be recorded in history.

Though all is over, a comment or two upon subjects in The Observer of July 21st will not be out of place here.

It was an edition well edited. Its columns were overflowing with good readable material. Those articles dealing with the presidential situation were very ably written.

MRS. G. E. M. NELSON.

Buffalo, N. Y.

SIGHTS YOU MUST SEE AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

When you go to Colorado Springs do not miss the Cave of Winds. It is a wonderful winding underground passage, with natural formations of stalagmites, stalactites, etc.

Another trip is the inclined railway up Mt. Manitou. At the end of this mount a burro and ride to the crest. Its one of the finest of trips.

Still another trip you should take is to Stratton Park and then get a burro from O'Brien and ride on to South Canyon and Seven Falls. The burro ride is one you will enjoy. No danger of the beast running away or of your falling off.

There are many other attractions, but see these anyway.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.

There was present at part of the Colorado convention Mr. Li Yung Yew,

Imperial Chinese Consul General, located at San Francisco, and Mr. K. Awyang, Vice Consul of China, also located at San Francisco.

This is the first time that imperial representatives were ever at a convention of the deaf.

These gentlemen, we understand, desire to become acquainted with methods of educating the deaf for the purpose of reporting to their home governments. They certainly found an intelligent and happy group of deaf at Colorado Springs. If the Chinese government can be induced to take up the education of its deaf it will be a long step forward.

SUDDEN CALLS.

Mrs. Sabra Twitchell Wilson was among those present at the convention. She had only just reached town when she received a telegram that her brother (a mounted policeman) had been thrown from his horse and killed. She resides at Arcade, N. Y.

Miss Delong, of Ogden, was called home by a dispatch announcing serious illness in the family.

OWNS HIS OWN SHOP.

C. Jones, of Colorado Springs, owns and conducts a barber shop and seems to be doing well. He has been in that town for many years. We are always glad to see the deaf able to hold their own in competition with the hearing.

TACOMA.

No, No! We haven't resigned or been fired—have merely been taking a vacation.

It is reported on good authority that one of Tacoma's leading young men among the deaf is to be married next week. His bride to be is equally popular and prominent in deaf circles, and we foresee for them a happy wedded life.

Ray Foster's mother died July 15th after a long period of ill health. His sister, Mrs. Paulson, and Mr. Paulson accompanied the remains to Wisconsin for burial.

Mrs. Alex. Wade, who is spending a few weeks at the beach at Moclips, is sending daily bulletins to Mr. Alex. to console him for her absence. She seems to be enjoying herself immensely. Mr. Wade is also enjoying himself—in studying domestic science and the mysteries of a gas range.

Miss Slegel's mother is enjoying a visit from a sister from Texas, whom she hadn't seen for years.

One of the beauty spots of South Ta-

come is the Slegels corner lot, enclosed on two sides by a rose hedge. People come from far and near to see the wonderful display of roses.

"Silent" Rowan and his brother, both deaf, are now residents of Tacoma. They seem well pleased with the city and its people.

Arrangements have been completed for the club's picnic to be held at American Lake August 21st. Several new contests will be on the program and free refreshments will be furnished to those deaf living outside Tacoma and its suburbs who attend. A large crowd from Seattle is expected. Otha Minnick will meet the morning boat from Seattle and escort the Seattleites to the picnic grounds. The weather permitting, or not permitting, a good time is assured to all.

1,200 FOWLS.

During our stay in Colorado Springs we had the pleasure of visiting the poultry yard of G. W. Veditz.

He keeps white leghorns and Plymouth rocks. He says the leghorns are 50 per cent the best. He showed us a pen of white cocks for which he expects to get \$5 apiece.

There is money in poultry, if you know how to do it, and Mr. Veditz knows how. He has about 1,200 young and old fowls at present.

More orders for young stock than he can fill are coming in.

DEAF AND DUMB CONFERENCE AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

Hardly a word will be spoken throughout an entire week's deliberations. Songs will be inaudibly sung. Questions will be discussed without the speaking of a syllable. Debates will be conducted without noise. These are features which will make the World's Congress of the Deaf, now being held in Colorado Springs, during the week of August 8th to 13th, the most unique as well as one of the most important gatherings held in the United States this year.—A Colorado Paper.

Of all the devices for awakening the deaf that of a Birmingham hotel porter is probably the simplest. While down there recently I left word at the office to be called in good time for the early morning train for Danville. I awoke myself, however, and found that the porter had already performed his duty by dropping an office envelope over the transom bearing the inscription "5 o'clock."—J. H. Cloud, in Silent Worker.

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